wheat @ Rs. 2/- per kg. The scale of allocation to all categories of population under TPDS has been enhanced to 35 kg. per family per month with effect from 1.4.2002.

Storage cost of wheat

†1596. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the storage cost of wheat, per tonne in Punjab, Haryana, U.P. and Rajasthan, separately;

(b) whether uniform storage charges are paid to all the agencies by Government all over the country; and

(c) whether this cost is even less than the storage cost of FCI in the above States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (c) For the Rabi Marketing Season 2002-03 a uniform storage cost @ Rs. 25.80 per tonne per month has provisionally been allowed to various States, including Punjab, Haryana. U.P. and Rajasthan which procure wheat for the Central Pool.

The above provisional storage cost allowed to the States is lower than the storage cost of FCI for storing foodgrains. However, the final rates are sanctioned to the State Governments in consultation with the respective State Governments on the basis of audited accounts of the year furnished by them after the marketing season is over.

Public distribution system offtake

1597. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the Public Distribution System offtake is restricted to six major States;

(b) whether it is a fact that about two third of Government's food subsidy comprises the transportation, storage and distribution costs;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the steps taken, if any, to rectify the above; and

(d) the details of the Public Distribution System offtake by the States for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Total cost of transportation, storage & distribution is about 28% of the total subsidy estimated for 2002-2003 for FCI.

(d) The required information is given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Details of PDS offtake by the states for the last these years

(*In lakh tonnes*)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Offtake of Rice During			Offtake of Wheat During		
		1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23.079	19.807	17.280	1.176	0.054	0.074
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1.017	0.298	0.468	0.054	0.007	0.045
3.	Assam	5.281	3.796	5.036	2.192	0.004	0.700
4.	Bihar	2.366	1.327	1.086	6.590	4.722	3.791
5.	Chattisgarh	0.000	0.763	2.264	0.000	0.026	0.414
6.	Delhi	0.745	0.020	0.286	0.539	0.106	0.857
7.	Goa	0.461	0.086	0.085	0.133	0.013	0.014
8.	Gujarat	1.691	1.200	1.448	2.944	2.884	3.601
9.	Haryana	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.842	0.448	0.940
10.	Himachal Pradesh	0.648	0.282	1.202	0.549	0.284	0.459
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	3.427	0.807	2.541	0.461	0.338	0.911
12.	Jarkhand	0.000	0.143	1.091	0.000	0.726	1.893
13.	Karnataka	8.230	9.899	10.845	2.156	2.070	2.458
14.	Kerala	11.910	4.842	4.540	2.370	0.303	0.985

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15.	Madhya Pradesh	3.189	3.036	1.743	3.161	3.529	5.887
16.	Maharashtra	6.809	3.899	5.107	10.765	6.299	8.899
17.	Manipur	0.424	0.212	0.262	0.001	0.000	0.000
18.	Meghalaya	1.917	0.314	0.506	0.157	0.001	0.063
19.	Mizoram	0.909	0.431	0.383	0.148	0.026	0.089
20.	Nagaland	1.136	0.182	0.296	0.195	0.045	0.188
21.	Orissa	8.876	6.636	5.870	1.664	0.000	0.005
22.	Punjab	0.003	0.005	0.016	0.024	0.123	0.524
23.	Rajasthan	0.027	0.012	0.010	2.434	3.326	6.718
24.	Sikkim	0.700	0.082	0.185	0.014	0.000	0.006
25.	Tamil Nadu	18.073	12.031	10.655	1.659	0.008	0.000
26.	Tripura	1.521	0.601	0.833	0.076	0.000	0.030
27.	Uttar Pradesh	4.881	3.210	3.386	8.444	8.892	10.657
28.	Uttaranchal	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
29.	West Bengal	4.215	4.319	2.704	7.352	5.015	4.981
30.	A&N Island	0.167	0.126	0.128	0.048	0.072	0.042
31.	Chandigarh	0.001	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.000	0.001
32.	D&N Haveli	0.014	0.030	0.038	0.004	0.005	0.009
33.	Daman & Diu	0.008	0.003	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.001
34.	Lakshadwep	0.050	0.035	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000
35.	Pondicherry	0.119	0.114	0.095	0.021	0.008	0.003
	TOTAL :	**111.892**	**78.480**	**80.425**	**56.177**	**39.334**	**55.244**

Food Insecurity Atlas

1598. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Food Insecurity Atlas prepared by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foudation;

(b) the status of food insecurity as per the Atlas in rural areas;

(c) the status of food insecurity in the urban areas; and

(d) the steps initiated to make India a food secure country?